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DISSENT CHANNEL

Changes

1. Miscellaneous updates to 2 FAM 070 include:
   - **2 FAM 073, Dissent Channel Transmission**, paragraph b: The Subject Line of Dissent Channel telegrams must include not only the words "Dissent Channel," but also the name of the author in the first paragraph of the message.
   - General style changes, such as capitalization, punctuation, italics.
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3. Revisions are shown in *italic dark magenta*. *Italic dark magenta* provides a historical record of changes and is used in subchapter issuances where less than 50 percent of the text has been revised.
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